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#### **Field Crops**

Durum wheat and barley emergence has occurred on over three-quarters of the acreage. Alfalfa harvest is active on over half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent, depending on location. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good but a substantial amount is in poor condition, depending on location and elevation.

#### **Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops**

Last week central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, miscellaneous Asian herbs, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, green onions, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine.

**Crop Condition** 

| Very Poor   | Poor                | Fair | Good                  | Excellent                |  |  |
|-------------|---------------------|------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| - Percent - |                     |      |                       |                          |  |  |
| 1           | 7                   | 23   | 35                    | 34                       |  |  |
| 1           | 20                  | 46   | 27                    | 6                        |  |  |
|             | Very Poor<br>1<br>1 | 1 7  | - Percent -<br>1 7 23 | - Percent -<br>1 7 23 35 |  |  |

**Crop Progress** 

|                           | This Week   | Last Week | Last Year | 5 – Year Avg. |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
|                           | - Percent - |           |           |               |  |  |  |  |
| Durum Wheat               |             |           |           |               |  |  |  |  |
| <ul><li>Emerged</li></ul> | 85          | 75        | 96        | 97            |  |  |  |  |
| Barely                    |             |           |           |               |  |  |  |  |
| <ul><li>Emerged</li></ul> | 95          | 91        | 99        | 97            |  |  |  |  |

### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending March 9. Temperatures ranged from 8 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly and Coolidge to 3 degrees above normal at

Grand Canyon and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 83 degrees at Yuma, and the lowest reading of 12 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 stations.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
March 3 - March 9 2008

| March 3 - March 9, 2008 |             |         |      |     |               |         |             |           |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
|                         | Temperature |         |      |     | Precipitation |         |             |           |
|                         |             |         |      |     | Past          | Jan. 1  | Departure   | Percent   |
| Station                 | Avg.        | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Week          | to Date | From Normal | of Normal |
| Aguila                  | 53          | -3      | 74   | 32  | 0.00          | 2.09    | -0.91       | 70        |
| Buckeye                 | 56          | -5      | 78   | 35  | 0.00          | 2.26    | 0.61        | 137       |
| Canyon De Chelly        | 35          | -8      | 58   | 19  | 0.00          | 2.47    | 0.90        | 157       |
| Coolidge                | 51          | -8      | 75   | 27  | 0.00          | 1.49    | -0.58       | 72        |
| Douglas                 | 46          | -6      | 71   | 19  | 0.00          | 0.31    | -1.12       | 22        |
| Flagstaff               | 33          | -1      | 52   | 16  | 0.00          | 6.50    | 1.50        | 130       |
| Grand Canyon            | 32          | 3       | 54   | 12  | 0.00          | 4.14    | -1.32       | 76        |
| Kingman                 | 45          | -5      | 66   | 25  | 0.00          | 2.91    | 0.73        | 133       |
| Marana                  | 54          | -5      | 73   | 33  | 0.00          | 1.67    | -1.00       | 63        |
| Maricopa                | 54          | -5      | 77   | 32  | 0.00          | 1.49    | -0.35       | 81        |
| Paloma                  | 54          | -7      | 77   | 32  | 0.00          | 1.06    | -0.82       | 56        |
| Parker                  | 57          | -5      | 80   | 33  | 0.00          | 1.11    | -0.57       | 66        |
| Payson                  | 44          | 0       | 60   | 25  | 0.00          | 5.53    | 0.81        | 117       |
| Phoenix                 | 60          | 0       | 75   | 46  | 0.00          | 1.97    | 0.32        | 119       |
| Prescott                | 42          | 1       | 62   | 23  | 0.00          | 4.13    | 0.43        | 112       |
| Roll                    | 58          | -4      | 82   | 33  | 0.00          | 0.65    | -0.01       | 98        |
| Safford                 | 48          | -4      | 69   | 28  | 0.00          | 1.50    | -0.03       | 98        |
| St. Johns               | 37          | -6      | 62   | 15  | 0.00          | 1.23    | -0.32       | 79        |
| Tucson                  | 54          | -3      | 72   | 35  | 0.00          | 1.39    | -0.48       | 74        |
| Willcox                 | 46          | -4      | 69   | 21  | 0.00          | 1.00    | -0.86       | 54        |
| Winslow                 | 40          | -4      | 66   | 17  | 0.00          | 1.50    | 0.33        | 128       |
| Yuma                    | 66          | 3       | 83   | 49  | 0.00          | 0.35    | -0.31       | 53        |

<sup>1/</sup> Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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